

# Integer Programming Modeling

IMA New Directions Short Course on Mathematical Optimization

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- This is the **The Most Important** class of optimization problems

## IPs Rule!

- Turn constraints on and off.
- Indicate whether or not constraints hold.
- Enforce **logical relationships** between these conditions
- Model (low-dimensional) piecewise-linear functions

# MIP for \$\$\$



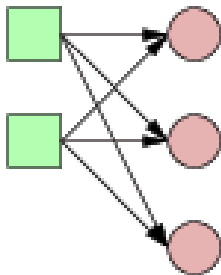
“He just immediately figured out, if you want to succeed in this business you needed a MIP.”

## MIP Industries

- 1 Supply Chain
- 2 Electric Power
- 3 Finance
- 4 Work Force Management
- 5 Airlines
- 6 Railroads

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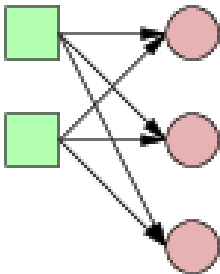
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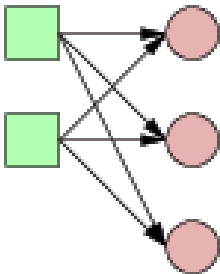
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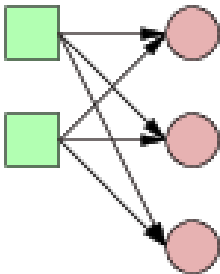
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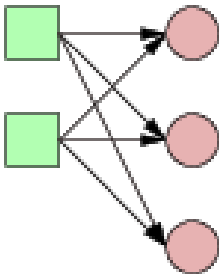
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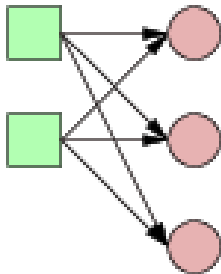
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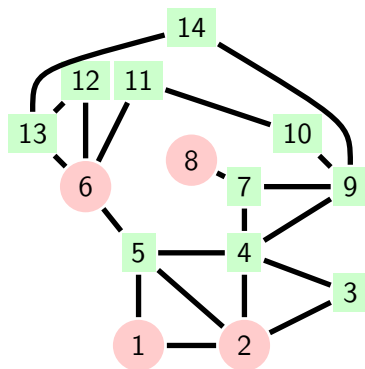
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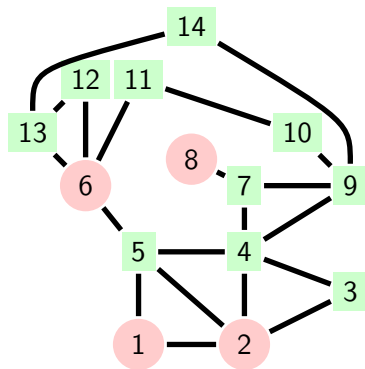
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## Economic Dispatch Problem

- Determine power generation levels for  $i \in G$  and power transmission levels for  $(i, j) \in A$  to meet demands  $b_i, i \in D$ , **at minimum cost**

# Power Flow

- Electric power grids follow the laws of physics, characterized by nonlinear, nonconvex equations
- **DC Power Flow Approximation:** The (real) power  $x_{ij}$  transmit over line  $(i, j) \in A$  is proportional to **angle differences**  $(\theta_i, \theta_j)$  at the endpoint nodes:

$$x_{ij} = \alpha_{ij}(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

- $p_i$ : (Real) power inject at generator  $i \in G$



# Linear Program for (DC) Economic Dispatch

$$\begin{aligned}
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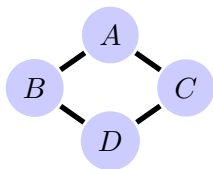
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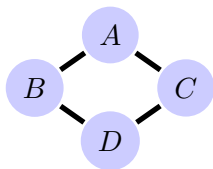


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### “Braess Paradox”

- If line  $(C, D)$  didn't exist, I wouldn't have to enforce this potential balance constraint.
- Thus, removing lines of the transmission network **may actually increase** the efficiency of delivery.

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- Fisher et al. [2008] show that efficiency improved by switching off transmission lines

<b>Lines Off</b>	<b>% Improvement</b>
1	6.3%
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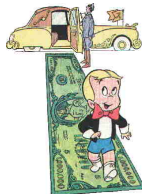
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### That is NOT a MILP!

- If (and only if)  $\theta_i$  have bounds then one can write an MILP formulation
- $z_{ij} = 1 \Leftrightarrow$  line  $(i, j) \in A$  is used

## MILP Formulation

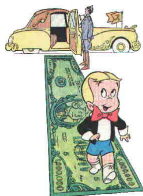
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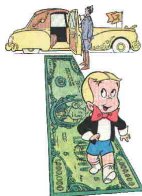
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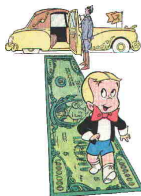
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- **Markowitz**:  $u(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\alpha^T x + \lambda x^T Q x$ 
  - $\alpha$ : Expected returns
  - $Q$ : Variance-covariance matrix of expected returns
  - $\lambda$ : Risk aversion parameter

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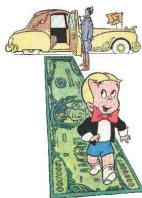
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- **Limit Names:**  $|i \in N : x_i > 0| \leq K$ 
  - Use binary indicator variables to model the implication  $x_i > 0 \Rightarrow y_i = 1$
  - Implication modeled with **variable upper bounds:**

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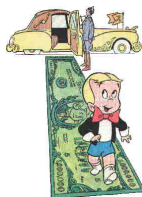
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**Round Lots:**  $x_i \in \{kL_i, k = 1, 2, \dots\}$

- $x_i - z_iL_i = 0, z_i \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \quad \forall i \in N$



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  - $M$  is an upper bound for the expression  $\sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j - b$ .

# The Logic

$$\delta = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j \leq b \Leftrightarrow \sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j + M\delta \leq M + b$$

- Equivalent to  $\sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j - b \leq M(1 - \delta)$
- $\delta = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j - b \leq M$ 
  - (true by definition of  $M$ )
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- Model as  $\sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j - (m - \epsilon)\delta \geq b + \epsilon$ 
  - $m$  is a lower bound for the expression  $\sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j - b$
- $\delta = 0 : \sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j \geq b + \epsilon$
- $\delta = 1 : m \leq \sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j - b$  (nothing)

## Some Last Modeling Tricks

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## The Slide of Tricks



- $\delta = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j \leq b$ 
    - $\sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j + M\delta \leq M + b$
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  - $m$ : Lower bound on  $\sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j - b$
  - $\epsilon$ : Constraint violation amount ( $\epsilon = 0.01$  or  $1$ )

# Simple Tricks

- These two tricks are **very common** and can be derived from the “Slide of Tricks”
- **Variable Upper Bound:**  $x > 0 \Rightarrow \delta = 1$ 
  - $x \leq M\delta$
- **Variable Lower Bound:**  $\delta = 1 \Rightarrow x \geq m$ 
  - $x \geq m\delta$

## Recall UFL

$$\min \sum_{i \in I} f_i y_i + \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J} c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} x_{ij} &\leq y_i && \forall i \in I, \forall j \in J \\ \sum_{i \in I} x_{ij} &= 1 && \forall j \in J \\ x_{ij} &\geq 0 && \forall i \in I, \forall j \in J \\ y_i &\in \{0, 1\} && \forall i \in I \end{aligned}$$

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(Note: could also model (better) as  $\delta_2 \geq y_1, \delta_2 \geq y_2$ )

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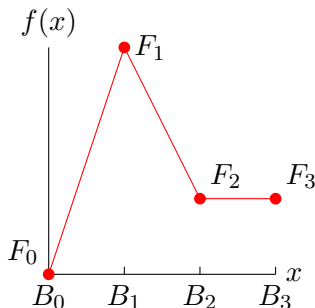
# Piecewise Linear Functions

- A very common structure used in modeling is a **piecewise-linear** function of a scalar variable  $x \in [B_0, B_n]$

$$f(x) = m_i x + c_i, \quad x \in [B_{i-1}, B_i] \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

## Sample applications using PLFs

- Gas network optimization [Martin et al., 2006]
- Transmissions expansion planning [Alguacil et al., 2003]
- Oil field development [Gupta and Grossmann, 2012]
- Hydro Scheduling [Borghetti et al., 2008]
- Thermal unit commitment [Carrion and Arroyo, 2006]
- Sales resource allocation [Lodish, 1971]



# Modeling Piecewise-Linear Functions

- There are **many ways** to model piecewise linear functions using integer variables. I really recommend Vielma et al. [2010], Vielma [2015] as references

## Take Your Pick

- Multiple Choice Model [Jeroslow and Lowe, 1984]
- SOS2 Model [Beale and Tomlin, 1970, Beale and Forrest, 1976]
- Incremental Model [Markowitz and Manne, 1957]
- Convex Combination Model [Dantzig, 1960, Padberg, 2000]
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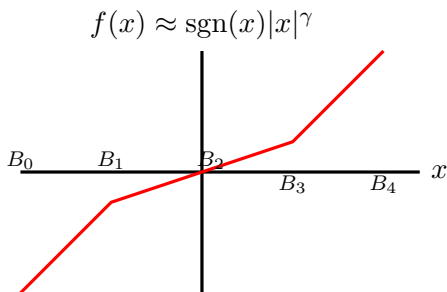


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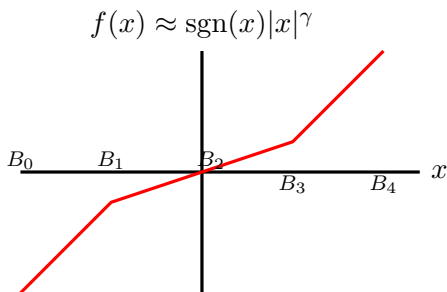
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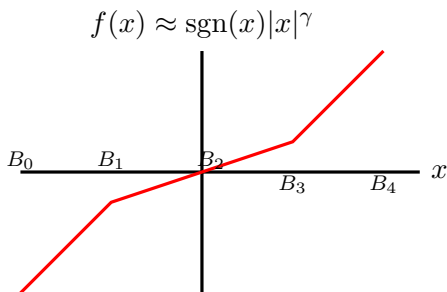
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- Resulting formulation is **provably stronger** (locally-ideal)
  - All piecewise-linear functions turned on/off by an indicator have a similar modeling trick Sridhar et al. [2013]
  - It is the **exact extension** of the “perspective reformulation” (which you will learn in Friday lecture) to this case

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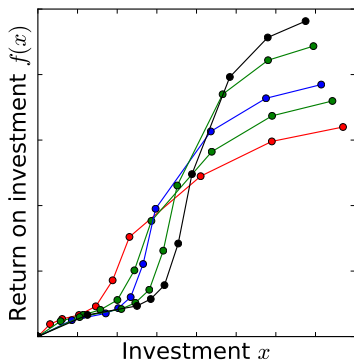
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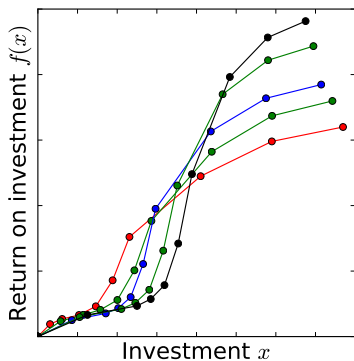
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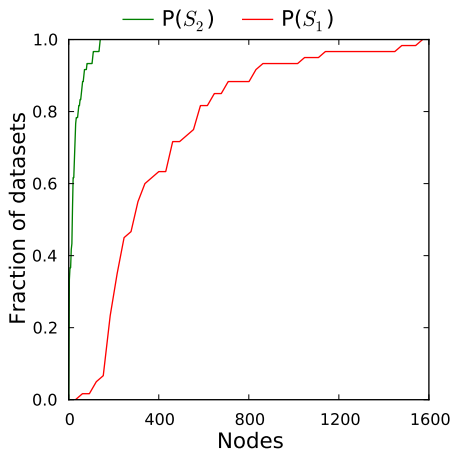
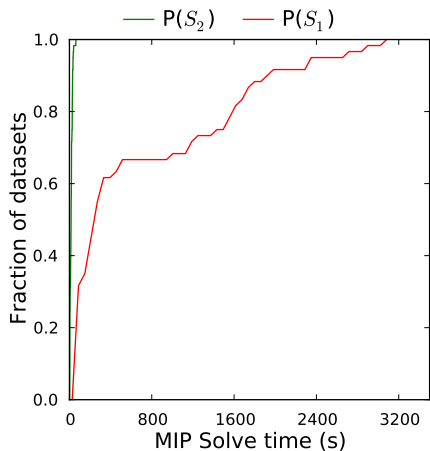
- How well does it work, you ask?

# Ta Da!

	<b>Standard Formulation</b>	<b>New Formulation</b>
Avg. Time	703 sec.	17 sec.
Max Time	>3600 sec.	509 sec.
Avg. Nodes	402.9	26.3
Max Nodes	>1572	140



# CDFs of nodes/times



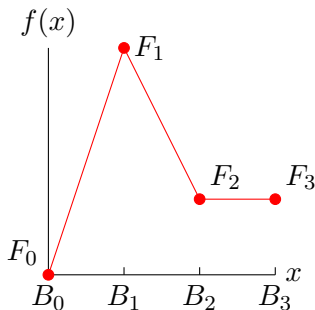
# SOS2 formulation for $t = f(x)$

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SOS2: Special Ordered Set of Type 2

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- (Some) solvers will enforce

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- The adjacency conditions of SOS2 are enforced by the solution algorithm
  - Commercial solvers allow you to specify SOS2.
  - In AMPL, the translation is done **automatically** for you if you use the special piecewise notation. (See Chapter 17 of AMPL Book)

## Example:

```
table COST()  
COST 1 2 3  
1 9.2 9 7  
2 9 8.5 8.3  
3 11 8.5 7.5  
;
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$$\sum_{b \in B} v_{ib} \lambda_{ib} = x_i \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\sum_{b \in B} \lambda_{ib} = 1 \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$x_i \leq \alpha_i b \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\sum_{i \in I} x_i \geq b$$

$$\lambda_{ib} \text{ SOS2} \quad \forall i \in I \quad x_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in I$$

## AMPL Code

```
1  set I;
2
3  param cost1{i in I} >= 0;
4  param cost2{i in I} >= 0;
5  param cost3{i in I} >= 0;
6
7  param limit1{i in I};
8  param limit2{i in I} >= limit1[i];
9  param b;
10 param alpha{I} >= 0;
11
12 var x{i in I} >= 0, <= alpha[i] * b;
13
14 minimize Cost: sum{i in I} << limit1[i], limit2[i];
15               cost1[i], cost2[i], cost3[i]>> x[i];
16
17 subject to BuyEnough:
18   sum{i in I} x[i] >= b;
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# Conclusions

- Integer programming is everywhere!
- Learned a “calculus” for turning logical restrictions into algebraic descriptions
- Introduction to modeling piecewise linear functions.
  - Including how to strengthen PW-linear with “on off” constraints

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